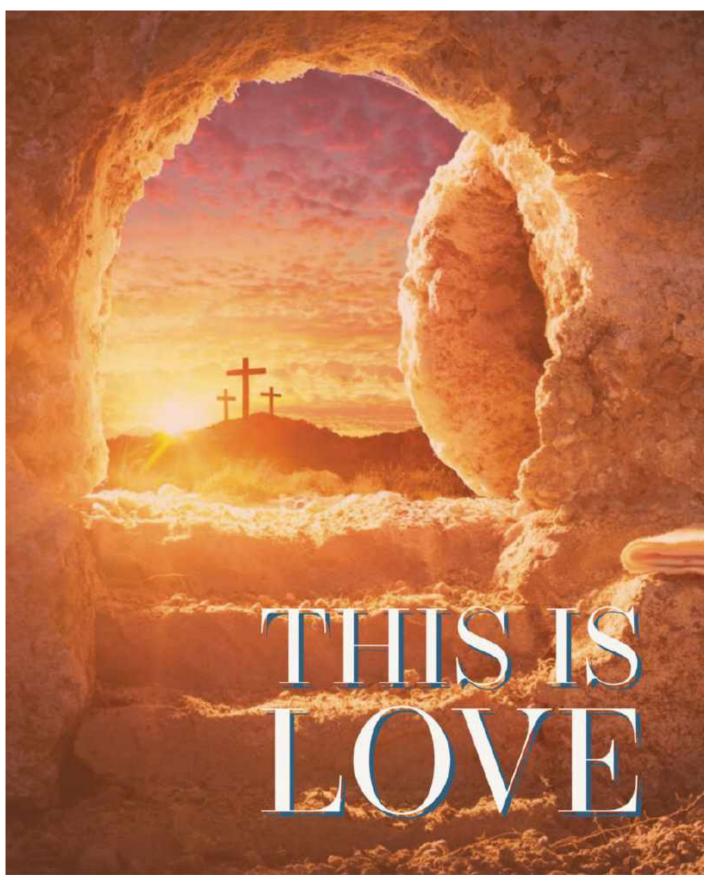
SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

G L A S T O N B U R Y , C O N N E C T I C U T March 31,2024



Collections and Parish Finance

We are grateful for your generous support of our Sacrificial Giving Program.



Report for the week of 3/24/2024:

Weekly collection:	\$ 11,378.17
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,947.50</u>
Total	\$ 14,325.67

Annual Chancery Assessment for 2023: \$94,171.00 For a more detailed report please visit our website under the **ABOUT** tab. The monthly accountability reports can be found in the Financial Accountability folder.

Check donations should be payable to: Saints Isidore and Maria. For online giving, go to our website and click on the DONATE tab. Thank you.



2023 Year End **Tax Statements**

If you would like to receive a tax statement with your total

donations to SS. Isidore and Maria, please contact Melissa by phone (860) 633-9419 or by email: Melissa@isidoreandmaria.org.

Please specify if you would like your statement mailed or emailed to you. There will not be an automatic mailing automatic mailing of statements. You must request it. Online Giving users may print out their own statements from the dashboard.

DONATE TO THE **ARCHBISHOP'S** ANNUAL APPEAL

Help us help others by donating to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. For more information or to make your donation today, please visit https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/.



Archbishop's 2024 Easter Message

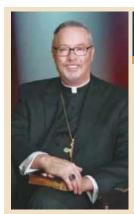
"When we come together for the celebration of Mass., we not only experience our unit as living members of the Body of Christ, but we also receive Him - body and blood, soul and divinity - in the Holy Eucharist. This is so precisely because He is not to be found among the dead but among the

living, and that is our Easter joy." ~ Hartford Archbishop Leonard Blair. Read the rest of Archbishop Blair's message at http://isidoreandmaria.org/blair-easter-2024.



Alleluia! Christ is risen!

About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives in the highest heaven and the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being, discovering our true purpose and meaning. Every human being desires to live and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves to give an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our most profound questions find answers. ~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



Apr. 28: Mass with Archbishop Christopher Coyne

On Sun., Apr. 28 at the 11: 15 a.m. Mass we welcome Archbishop Christopher Coyne to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish to celebrate Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass and reception that follow. Please plan to attend to warmly welcome Archbishop Coyne to Glastonbury.



2024 Easter Sanctuary Decoration Fund

Easter marks the most important liturgical time for all Catholics as we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death, as well as salvation for all humankind.

We're inviting you to celebrate this joyous occasion with a contribution

to the SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Easter Sanctuary Decoration Fund. This fund will be used to purchase the flowers and other decorations that will adorn our churches for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter, through the Easter season until we celebrate Pentecost on May 19.

Memorial and honorary donations are being accepted. To donate, visit https://isidoreandmaria.org/easterdecor2024. We thank you in advance for your generosity.





Who are you?

Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts, talents, expertise, and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our

essence, our authentic selves. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us, just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is thoroughly human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to learn about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciple's eyes, today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence shows us that we are much more than we see ourselves to be or show to others. We have depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence and to the very core of who we are.

Within each of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as unique and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that, when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life, can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us and transforming us into who we are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love, and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you are.

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



Pray for Those Who Are Serving

God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Army, Marine Corps., Air Force, Coast Guard and keep them safe:

Tammy Breiner
Oliver Cary
Beau Douglas
Celia Fajardo
Brandon Farrell
Gabe Forthofer
Kevin Gamache
Chris Gibb
Michael Hitzer

Peter Kamianowski Madeline Lanzi Mark J. Lord Samuel MacDonald Alexis Maher Michael Scott Mullin John W. Murphy Drew Scarfone Timothy Sullivan Jack M. Zaremba

Thank you to our sponsors

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Our Sponsor Spotlight this week:

Cotton Hollow Kitchen



Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN 3/31/24	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22- 23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1- 9 or Mk 16:1-7
MON 4/1/24	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9- 10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
TUE 4/2/24	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
WED 4/3/24	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:13-35
THR 4/4/24	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:35-48
FRI 4/5/24	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
SAT 4/6/24	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
SUN 4/7/24	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

"The glory of God is that man lives. Behold, man lives in Christ. Here is the moment in which what he, Christ, said is accomplished: 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live' (John 11:25)." ~ St. John Paul II, 1990 ~

Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

March 31, 2024

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by	
Saturday, Mar. 30 Holy Saturday	11am-12pm	Confessions		
	12:30 p.m.	Blessing of Food		
Sunday, Mar. 31 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	8 a.m.	Lynch & Humphry Family	Family	
	9:30 a.m.	Henry A. Barrera (31st. Anniv.)	Pat & Grandchildren	
	11:15 a.m.	Emil Sapere	Pulito Family	
Monday, April 1	7:30 a.m.	Parishioners of SS. Isidore and Maria		
Monday within the Octave of Easter		Parish Office Closed		
Tuesday, April 2 <i>Tuesday within the</i> <i>Octave of Easter</i>	7:30 a.m.	Noreen Murray	Dympna Duncan	
	7 p.m.	Rosary (St. Augustine Church)		
Wednesday, April 3 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	7:30 a.m.	Mark Dzialo	Frank & Stephanie Ferrall	
Thursday, April 4 Thursday within the Octave of Easter		No Mass		
First Friday, April 5 Friday within the Octave of Easter	12:15 p.m.	Margaret Carter	WHO Ministry	
Saturday, April 6 Sunday of Divine Mercy	4 p.m.	Anita Wolf	Linda Yost	
Sunday, April 7 Sunday of Divine Mercy	8 a.m.	Rodolfo Caranfa	Family	
	9:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Timmerman	Rich & Trish Ehrhardt	
	11:15 a.m.	Camille Comean	WHO Ministry	
	3 p.m.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy (St. Augustine Church)		

If you are offering a Mass Intention and you and your loved ones would like to bring up the gifts, please see the greeters prior to the start of Mass. One of them will be happy to assist you.

We welcome parishioners to add prayer intentions for family members free of charge in the bulletin for one (1) month. To do so, please contact the parish office at 860-633-9419 or <u>contact@isidoreandmaria.org</u>. We cannot publish the names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.



Prayer Intentions

Ellona Bilotta James Bilotta Sandra Cavanna Thomas Cavanna Chris Delissio Brian Faxon Rita Henson Sheila Kimball Julia Miller

Gilbert Morin Samantha Rapp Koa Sage Rachel Sage Frank Schultz Andrea Villegas Mary E. Wallace Roger Yost



Apr. 7: Divine Mercy Sunday Chaplet

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Sun., Apr. 7 is Divine Mercy Sunday. Join us at St. Augustine Church at 3 p.m. that day as we gather to pray together the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome. Curious about the Chaplet of Divine Mercy? Learn more

at: https://hallow.com/blog/how-to-pray-divine-mercy-chaplet/

Correction to the bulletin of Mar. 24th:

The correct Mass intention for Tues., March 26 was: **Linda and Mark Cohen** requested by Elaine Henry and Family. We are sorry for the spelling error. Thank you.





Apr. 20 & 21: **Parish Diaper Drive**

The annual Parish Diaper Drive occurs on April 20 and 21 at all Masses. Diapers of all sizes (and wipes!) are needed. We challenge all households to drop off one box per family. Get more information on how you can help:

http://isidoreandmaria.orgdiaperdrive2024.



Registration is open for the 2024 SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Golf Tournament and Fundraiser Dinner on Tues., Sept. 10, at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. Get the details on registering to golf, attend the dinner or become a

sponsor at http://isidoreandmaria.org/golf2024.



SAVE THE DATE: Procession of the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 2

Join us following the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sun., June 2 -Corpus Christi Sunday - to experience the magnificence and grandeur of the Procession the Procession of the Feast of

Corpus Christi. We'll go forth from St. Paul Church, bringing Christ to the streets, witnessing to our faith, and giving due honor and glory to God in the Eucharist. Additional details coming soon!



Open House

If you are wondering whether your child is on track academically, you

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are not alone! Perhaps you'd like to consider some other educational options.

Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host a Spring Open House on Tues., Apr. 16 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the school, located at 581 Silas Deane Highway. To learn more or to register for the open house, please visit https://corpuschristischoolct.org/.





Volunteer Corner

Our parish ministries run on volunteer power! Your help is needed in a variety of areas, including:

Vacation Bible School

The parish's annual Vacation Bible School takes place from

Jun. 24 - Jun. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Volunteers are needed to help with preparation, supervision, arts & crafts, games, lessons and more. For more information or to apply to become a volunteer, please visit http://isidoreandmaria.org/vbsvolunteers24.

Sewing for the Haiti Ministry: The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Haiti ministry needs your help to provide burial clothes for the deceased in Haiti. The most significant need right now is volunteers to sew finished edging along the sheet. Supplies and simple instructions are provided. Sewing is at your own pace in the convenience of your home. Don't sew? You can still help. Call Chris at 860-888-1913 for more information.



Donations, Food Needed for ImmaCare

Thank you to those who donated items and served for this month's ImmaCare dinners held on Mar. 1 and Mar. 8. The dates for the next ImmaCare dinners are Fri., Apr. 5 and Fri., Apr. 12. All are welcome to participate by preparing food or helping to deliver and serve our meals at the shelter.

In addition, ImmaCare's Outreach Program continues to seek food to supplement their street outreach program, which provides nourishment five days each week to the unhoused living on the street, in abandoned buildings, or wherever shelter can be found. A list of needed items is available at http://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare. Our parish's next pickup is on Thurs., Apr. 4. Items may be left at either St. Augustine Church or St. Paul Church.



Retreat. Rest. Rediscover.

Sometimes, you need a bit of a break from the secular world to become closer to Jesus. Consider embarking upon a Catholic retreat. Whether it's for a halfday, full-day, weekend or longer, there

are several local Catholic retreat centers, each with a full schedule of on-going day and overnight retreats for individuals and groups. Get a list of local retreat centers on the parish website at http://isidoreandmaria.org/retreats.

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

In his speech, Peter places much emphasis on his personal witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. To whom this week could you witness your faith in the resurrection of Jesus?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the believers in Colossae to anticipate the return of the resurrected Jesus. How does your family celebrate Easter Sunday?

Gospel:

Mary Magdala, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple were the first to experience the joy and mystery of the empty tomb. Do you recall when you first started believing in the resurrection of Jesus?

Easter in the Roman Catholic Church is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. Easter eggs, also called **Paschal eggs**, are sometimes decorated. They are used as gifts on the occasion of Easter. The oldest tradition is to use dyed and painted chicken eggs. Still, a modern custom is to substitute chocolate eggs wrapped in colored foil, hand-carved wooden eggs, or plastic eggs filled with confectionery, such as chocolate.





However, real eggs continue to be used in Central and Eastern European Christian traditions to celebrate Eastertide. Followers of Christianity see the egg as a symbol of resurrection: while being dormant, it contains a new life sealed within it. In addition, one ancient tradition was the staining of Easter eggs with red "in memory of the blood of Christ, shed as at that time of his crucifixion."

Being of Polish and Russian ancestry, Fr. Mark knows all about the beautiful egg-decorating tradition. I bet he will color some eggs for his Easter basket, too!

Bunnies and chicks are secular symbols of Easter, representing the beginning of spring. It's a good thing there are no bunnies at our house, Harry. There are chocolate ones in Dad's basket but we can't eat those either!



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Weekend Masses

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St. Paul Church Sat. Vigil: 4 p.m. Sun.: 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Sun.: Sun.: 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass

St. Paul Church Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7:30 a.m. Fri.: 12:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions at St. Paul Church Sat. 2:30 p.m.

Live streaming of weekend Mass

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish live streams the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass each Saturday from St. Paul Church. Please join us on Facebook, YouTube or the parish website to view the stream. Rebroadcasts of the 4 p.m. Vigil may be found at https://www.youtube.com/@ SSIsidoreandMariaParish.

Announcements about additional live streamed liturgies may be found on the parish website, e-newsletter, bulletin and/or St. Paul Church bulletin boards.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Harry & Oliver's Corner

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Fri. following the 12:15 p.m. daily Mass (approximately 12:45 p.m.) at St. Paul Church. It concludes at 2 p.m.

Rosary

Pray the Rosary each Tues. evening at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine Church.

How to Report an Incident of Sexual Abuse to the Archdiocese of Hartford

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Faith Vos Winkel, MSW

Victim Assistance Coordinator 860-541-6475 faith.voswinkel@aohct.org



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